



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

Loving God, loving one another, and embracing
our community and world with Jesus

Lord's Day Worship

January 8, 2023

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All Hail the Power / His Name is Jesus

Song

Psalm 96:9-13

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

This I Believe

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Luke 18:9-14

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused

others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name, Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I Have a Shelter in the Storm

Song

Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

Song

Praying for the Persecuted Church

Elder Andy Economopoulos

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Come to the Altar

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark 2.18-22

Feasting with the Bridegroom

Rev. Mark Fodale

Hymn of Heaven

Song

Benediction

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Scripture Reading

Mark 2. 15-22 (English Standard Version)

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

The Gospel According to Mark
Mark 2.18-22
Feasting with the Bridegroom

I. The Sour Discipline of Religion (v. 18)

The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men ... I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

Luke 18. 11-12

II. The Joyful Feast of the Gospel (vs. 19-22)

A. Two startling disclosures (vs. 19-20)

1. This is the time for _____

2. There will be a time for _____

B. Two pointed parables (vs. 21-22)

1. A piece of new cloth

2. A batch of new wine

III. Which Side Will You Choose?

- Will you abandon any attempts to _____ God on your own?

- How familiar are you with the _____ found in this passage?

Sermon Quotes and References:

Cultivate the habit of fixing your eye more simply on Jesus Christ, and try to know more of the fullness there is laid up in Him for every one of His believing people. Do not be always poring down over the imperfections of your own heart, and dissecting your own besetting sins. Look up.

Look more to your risen Head in heaven, and try to realize more than you do that the Lord Jesus not only died for you, but that He also rose again, and that He is ever living at God's right hand as your Priest, your Advocate, and your Almighty Friend.

When the Apostle Peter “*walked upon the waters to go to Jesus,*” he got on very well as long as his eye was fixed upon his Almighty Master and Savior. But when he looked away to the winds and waves, and reasoned, and considered his own strength, and the weight of his body, he soon began to sink, and cried, “*Lord, save me.*” No wonder that our gracious Lord, while grasping his hand and delivering him from a watery grave, said, “*O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*” Alas! many of us are very like Peter – we look away from Jesus, and then our hearts faint, and we start sinking (Mat. 14:28-31).

JC Ryle

Learn much of the Lord Jesus. For every look at yourself take ten looks at Christ, for He is altogether lovely. Live much in the smiles of God. Bask in his beams. Feel his all-seeing eye settled on you in love. And repose in his almighty arms.

Robert Murray McCheyne

Providence Activities

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Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	B. & C. Lacock	Croll
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Fryauff	S. Fodale
Coffee Fellowship Host	Miles.....	Rhodes / J & M Herring
Nursery.....	S. Fodale / K. Ruiz	Achenbach
Nursery Helper	K. Farrar / J. Fryauff.....	K. Zimmerman / J. Dietz
Sound Booth.....	Ethan (B) / Darrin (L)	Nick (B) / Heather (L)
Congregational prayer led by....	Andy Economopoulos	Andy Economopoulos
Deacon of the Month.....	Jon Waltenbaugh	Jon Waltenbaugh

This Week:

- Today..... Fellowship Meal immediately following worship*
..... Men's Leadership Training, 5:00 p.m. lower-level foyer
- Tuesday
- Ladies 2 Chronicles Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the lower-level foyer
 - Fryauff's HFG, 6:30 p.m., East Greenville
 - Ladies *Genesis* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
- Wednesday
- Senior Sisters *Mug-N-Muffin*, 10:30 a.m. at church
 - Stever's HFG, 6:30 p.m. Quakertown
- Thursday..... Women's *Hebrews* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at Nadine's home, Red Hill
- Saturday..... *Stitches of Love*, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Future:

- January 16..... Senior Sisters "*Stock the Pot*" Event, 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
- January 18..... Men's Fellowship Breakfast welcoming guest speaker Rev. Ron Zeigler. All men and women are welcome to come, 8:00 a.m. in Providence Fellowship Hall. See details below.**

Announcements:

*Today is the Fellowship Meal, everyone is invited to attend; especially visitors.

**The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is having Rev. Ron Zeigler from the PCA's Ministry to State come and share with us about his ministry in Harrisburg, bringing the gospel to those in government, and to share with us ideas for ministering to those in local government contexts as well. We would like to invite all men and women to come and hear his presentation. It starts at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, breakfast will be provided. RSVP not required, but if you are interested, it would be helpful to let Bill Miles know so that we can plan on having enough breakfast food.